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CANADIAN MILLING STATISTICS

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Ottawa, Canada, May 4, 1934.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics publishes, herewith, preliminary statistics of grains ground and products for March, 1934, with comparisons for the previous year, inventory for the month and wheat flour exports.

The daily capacity reporting for March, 1934 amounted to 99,515 barrels.

SUMMARY

During the month of March, 1934, 4,740,844 bushels of wheat were ground in Canadian mills compared with 4,451,773 bushels for the corresponding month of the previous year. Grindings of oats, corn, buckwheat and mixed grain were lower than in March, 1933, while barley showed an increase.

Grains ground during the month of March, 1934, are shown in bushels with comparative figures for the same month of the previous year in brackets: Wheat, 4,740,844 (4,451,773); Oats, 694,721 (799,911); Corn, 156,800 (174,940); Barley, 80,562 (60,804); Buckwheat, 8,819 (9,441); and Mixed Grain, 1,154,072 (1,545,154).

Mill stocks of wheat on March 31, 1934 amounted to 6,900,223 bushels while for the same month in 1933 the amount was 8,257,533 bushels.

Flour production in March, 1934 amounted to 1,064,428 barrels compared with 1,004,787 barrels for the same month last year. Exports of flour in March, 1934 amounted to 493,327 barrels, showing a slight increase over the same month in 1933 when 490,270 barrels were exported.

MILL GRINDINGS

The following table shows the amount of wheat, oats, corn, barley, buckwheat and mixed grain milled for the month of March, 1934, by merchant and custom mills in Canada according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at March 31, 1934 (in bushels):-

Grain	Quantities Ground				Stocks on hand, March 31, 1934		
	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Total March, 1934	Total March, 1933	Merchant Mills	Custom Mills	Total Mar. 31, 1934
<u>EASTERN DIVISION</u>							
Wheat	2,407,324	145,660	2,552,984	2,386,641	1,339,640	75,918	1,415,558
Oats	259,649	111,271	370,920	445,207	465,905	38,694	504,599
Corn	45,733	108,369	154,102	167,457	156,142	14,637	170,779
Barley	16,546	29,497	46,043	34,973	50,840	18,251	69,091
Buckwheat	-	8,819	8,819	9,441	885	3,346	4,231
Mixed Grain	24,262	1,083,505	1,107,767	1,506,814	5,577	43,851	49,428
<u>WESTERN DIVISION</u>							
Wheat	2,067,894	119,966	2,187,860	2,065,132	5,404,158	80,507	5,484,665
Oats	281,277	42,524	323,801	354,704	1,244,255	3,525	1,247,780
Corn	2,583	115	2,698	7,483	9,325	506	9,831
Barley	15,873	18,646	34,519	25,831	35,820	2,166	37,986
Buckwheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mixed Grain	-	46,305	46,305	38,340	-	278	278
<u>DOMINION OF CANADA</u>							
Wheat	4,475,218	265,626	4,740,844	4,451,773	6,743,798	156,425	6,900,223
Oats	540,926	153,795	694,721	799,911	1,710,160	42,219	1,752,379
Corn	48,316	108,484	156,800	174,940	165,467	15,143	180,610
Barley	32,419	48,143	80,562	60,804	86,660	20,417	107,077
Buckwheat	-	8,819	8,819	9,441	885	3,346	4,231
Mixed Grain	24,262	1,129,810	1,154,072	1,545,154	5,577	44,129	49,706

MILLINGS

The following table shows the production from wheat and coarse grains ground in merchant and custom mills in Canada for the month of March, 1934, according to divisions, with comparative totals for the same month last year and stocks on hand at March 31, 1934:-

Products	Unit of Measure	Production from Grindings				Stocks on hand March 31
		Eastern Division	Western Division	Total March, 1934	Total March, 1933	
<u>Wheat Flour</u>						
Manitoba Sp. P. No. 1	Barrels	212,917	120,953	333,870	294,707	332,643
Manitoba Sp. P. No. 2	"	178,122	176,008	354,130	339,213	204,266
Ontario Winter Straight	"	47,203	-	47,203	53,316	13,173
All Other	"	113,297	168,560	281,857	272,810	456,074
Total Flour	"	551,539	465,521	1,017,060	960,046	1,006,156
<u>Sundry Cereals</u>						
Low Grade or Feed Flour	Barrels	25,259	22,109	47,368	44,741	52,167
Bran	Tons	8,264	7,964	16,228	15,721	4,707
Shorts	"	8,647	7,636	16,283	15,808	4,943
Middlings	"	2,373	1,091	3,464	2,157	3,981
/ All Other Offal	"	2,837	1,772	4,609	4,778	1,088
Oatmeal	Pounds	303,016	266,517	569,533	559,858	541,528
Rolled Oats	"	3,938,580	3,928,255	7,866,835	8,588,777	7,204,159
Corn Flour and Meal	"	2,243,390	-	2,243,390	2,916,344	597,288
Barley, Pot and Pearl	"	80,488	61,250	141,738	332,808	253,502
Buckwheat Flour	"	145,142	-	145,142	156,104	43,924
<u>Ground Feed</u>						
Ground Oats	Pounds	4,667,756	2,913,602	7,581,358	8,495,827	510,760
Cracked Corn	"	3,299,931	151,084	3,451,015	4,146,372	449,262
Ground Barley	"	2,009,748	1,537,718	3,547,466	2,111,251	144,616
Mixed Grain	"	49,400,246	2,061,156	51,461,402	69,137,398	65,520

/ Including Coarse Grain Offal.

Flour production for the month of March, 1934 amounted to 1,064,428 barrels, which was slightly higher than for the same month in 1933 when 1,004,787 barrels were produced. The production for the current month was lower than in February, following the usual trend of the industry at this season. Compared with the same month last year bran, shorts and middlings were higher, with bran 16,228 (15,721) tons, shorts 16,283 (15,808) tons, and middlings 3,464 (2,157) tons. Cereal production for March, 1934 was as follows with figures for the same month last year in brackets and quantities in pounds: Oatmeal, 569,533 (559,858); Rolled Oats, 7,866,835 (8,588,777); Corn Flour and Meal, 2,243,390 (2,916,344); Pot and Pearl Barley, 141,738 (332,808); and Buckwheat Flour, 145,142 (156,104). With the exception of ground barley, animal feed products were lower than for March, 1933. The quantities were as follows: Ground Oats, 7,581,358 (8,495,827) pounds; Cracked Corn, 3,451,015 (4,146,372) pounds; Ground Barley, 3,547,466 (2,111,251) pounds; and Mixed Grain, 51,461,402 (69,137,398) pounds. Total flour stocks for the month of March, 1934 were 1,058,323 barrels compared with 998,894 barrels for the same month last year and 1,181,688 barrels for the previous month.

SUMMARY OF MILL GRINDINGS

The following table summarizes the mill grind of wheat, oats, corn, barley and mixed grain for eight months of the present crop year, with comparative figures for 1932-33:-

Months		Wheat	Oats	Corn	Barley	Mixed Grain
		(bushels)				
August	1933	6,401,501	854,309	200,995	40,304	753,304
September	"	6,179,626	900,766	151,413	62,141	1,127,286
October	"	7,345,792	1,153,701	153,862	74,011	1,353,384
November	"	8,158,446	1,262,294	168,662	81,383	1,588,189
December	"	4,327,524	631,497	124,216	59,925	1,501,845
January	1934	4,676,474	844,482	143,794	78,195	1,259,377
February	"	4,887,102	786,180	157,303	99,837	1,379,894
March	"	4,740,844	694,721	156,800	80,562	1,154,072
T O T A L		46,717,309	7,127,950	1,257,045	576,358	10,117,351
TOTAL LAST YEAR		44,682,350	8,020,881	1,244,049	558,715	11,753,203

SUMMARY OF MILL PRODUCTION

The following table summarizes the production of wheat flour, oatmeal, rolled oats and corn flour and meal for eight months of the present crop year, including percentage of operation and wheat flour exports, with comparative figures for 1932-33:-

Months		Wheat Flour		Oatmeal	Rolled Oats	Corn Flour and Meal	Wheat Flour Exported
		Percentage of operation	Quantity Barrels	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Barrels
August	1933	50.6	1,443,692	648,373	11,258,685	3,503,990	480,288
September	"	50.6	1,392,683	598,044	12,093,243	2,499,304	552,556
October	"	62.2	1,650,557	751,566	15,676,287	2,812,241	514,368
November	"	68.8	1,827,340	937,171	16,416,025	2,553,760	547,602
December	"	37.7	967,284	441,557	7,468,493	1,783,028	418,183
January	1934	39.5	1,042,505	803,504	10,261,459	2,278,768	448,498
February	"	47.0	1,102,043	558,853	9,338,950	2,680,727	328,376
March	"	42.4	1,064,428	569,533	7,866,835	2,243,390	493,327
T O T A L			10,490,532	5,308,601	90,379,977	20,355,208	3,783,198
TOTAL LAST YEAR			10,039,543	6,005,633	96,730,815	17,338,289	3,533,874

✓ The operating capacity of flour mills reporting in February, 1934 was 97,730 barrels compared with 101,448 barrels in January, 1934 and 109,593 barrels in February, 1933.

The following table shows the manufacture of buckwheat flour for the calendar years 1927 to 1932:-

Months	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932
(Pounds)						
January	187,582	143,588	137,900	212,002	189,985	158,961
February	168,202	144,343	172,272	195,712	230,296	97,548
March	110,128	112,972	156,865	125,266	190,296	94,636
April	51,184	38,032	91,888	106,028	90,536	47,577
May	42,732	50,812	48,544	30,496	98,516	42,874
June	82,672	23,920	82,736	103,544	107,808	48,564
July	58,496	65,616	79,840	61,184	51,406	54,864
August	62,992	36,736	66,112	68,672	125,640	473,548
September	38,584	124,160	185,072	297,054	129,912	863,428
October	430,626	482,002	639,623	657,709	745,126	699,562
November	563,387	669,528	451,152	549,318	572,344	406,869
December	436,670	312,385	329,717	389,532	365,494	172,056
T O T A L	2,233,255	2,204,094	2,441,721	2,796,517	2,960,359	3,160,487



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